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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: James A. Spudich *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/486,480 Group No.: 1645
Filed: 10/25/00 Examiner: S.J.N.Devi
Entitled: Reversible Immobilization of Arginine-Tagged
Moieties On A Silicate Surface

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
DECEMBER 29, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

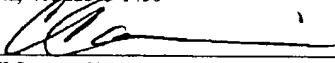
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application. Since this response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of a final Office Action, it is timely to provoke an Advisory action.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to **call the undersigned before drafting another written communication**, if any. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this communication.